

Here's to 1916 and Here's to All Those Who Love Sports and the Great Outdoors

Binzen Wins Junior Lawn Tennis Title

Defeats Weber After Four Sets in National Indoor Tourney.

COURT GENERALSHIP FACTOR IN VICTORY

Chicago Boy Lacks Much of the Dash in Final Test He Showed Earlier in the Week.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

Elliott Binzen, the seventeen-year old student of Fordham University, won the national indoor junior lawn tennis championship of the United States yesterday by defeating James Weber, of Chicago and Andover Academy, on the board courts of the 7th Regiment Armory. Binzen won by a score of 6-3, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

While the result was in the nature of a surprise to those who gathered in the armory to witness the final round match that was to bring the East against the West, the Fordham youth won by sterling play. As a court strategist he outgeneraled Weber, who was fully as fast in getting about the court and he hammered persistently at his opponent's weak points until Weber faltered and began to lose control of stroke and judgment of distance.

To those who watched Weber's defeat, it seemed that the Western youth was utterly off his usual hard-hitting, forceful game. But it was Binzen's steady attacking and his opponent's vulnerable points and rarely allowing Weber an opportunity to get into position for a "kill" that caused the latter to fall off his play.

In the third set Weber gave his followers hope of better things to come. He took the first game at love on his own service, crashing the ball into Binzen's court so swiftly that the Fordham student had access scored against him twice. The games then alternated to 8-4, and then Weber, forsaking caution and gaining temporary control of his drives by heavy smashes, fairly bombarded his way to victory, taking the last three games of the set.

The Chicago boy held the lead at 2 games to 1 in the last set, and for a time it looked as though he might pull the match out, but he was unable to hold his winning streak, and Binzen won the last four games in a row, playing with equal cleverness from all over the court. This gave him the set, match and championship.

Where he had been strongest in his playing on Thursday, and on the earlier days of the tournament, Weber was fully weak yesterday. His severe service was running wild, and eleven times in the first set he made double faults, an indication of his nervousness. Instead of serving his second ball with more caution and making certain of his delivery, the Chicago boy put everything into the shot, with the result that the ball either landed a foot outside of the service court or fell into the net.

Binzen did not make the mistake of overloading his opponent's lob, but played these shots very deep, so that Weber either had to remain crouched on his base line or else, being caught unawares at the net, was compelled to race back and attempt to make the return when drawn out of position.

Occasionally in these jobs at just the right racket Binzen sent the ball crashing back to his opponent. Binzen refused to be flustered, however, and kept playing with great steadiness and remarkable precision until finally Weber broke under the strain and lost the points with wild smashes.

King Smith set, and William Cunningham, Davis Cup match referee, presided as chief line-man. Binzen began the service, and took the first game after a deuce had been called once. Weber won the second game on his own service, and the boys fought along evenly up to 2-2. Then Binzen started playing his game deep, forcing Weber back from the net, and went into the lead at 4-2 on games. The Chicago player took the seventh game, but his opponent broke through his service in the next, and Weber took the last game on his own delivery, giving him the set at 6-3.

A long deuce game opened the second set, with Binzen finally winning, but then Weber began to play more in the middle court, and won the next three games in a row, Binzen getting only 2 points. The Fordham boy did not permit this tactical campaign, however, and kept shooting his drives to Weber's backhand, which he found was a vulnerable point. They were even again at 4-4, and at 6-4, and then Weber broke through Binzen's service in the eleventh game and won the last on his own service at love, scoring beautiful placement aces on two of his shots.

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While according full credit to Binzen for the splendid manner in which he gained his victory yesterday, it must be said for Weber that his playing arm was painfully strained earlier in the week, and must have given him trouble during the championship match. Both boys, however, gave evidence of greater things on the court in the next future, and both courts in the sport are viewed as players and sportsmen of the best type.

The point score of the match follows:

	FIRST SET	SECOND SET	THIRD SET	FOURTH SET
Binzen	6-3	7-5	6-4	6-2
Weber	3-6	5-7	4-6	2-6

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TROOP B WINS IN EXTRA PERIOD MATCH

McKee Defeats Freebooters in Fast Match of Indoor Polo.

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 31.—It took an extra period to decide the indoor polo game at the Armory here last night, in which Troop B finally defeated the Freebooters by the score of 7 goals to 6.

Leo McKee made the winning point with a clever backhand stroke. This was the first game between these two teams of the Monmouth Polo League since the J. Lester Eisner Cup. Members of these teams have joined the Indoor Polo Association, and will be seen in action with New York teams within the next few weeks.

Features of the game included a line drive three-quarters the length of the "field" for a goal by Robert Mason, captain of the Troop trio, who later was hit in the nose by a hard driven ball; the playing of Floyd Rush, whose two goals in the final period brought his team on even terms with the Freebooters at 6-6, and the back and mallet work of Randall Kester. One of the Troop's goals was made by the pony of A. S. H. Jones, of the opposing team.

The line-up follows:

TROOP B	FREEBOOTERS
Robert Mason	1-A. S. H. Jones
Leo McKee	2-B. J. Jones
Frank Rush	3-C. J. Jones
Goals—Troop B: McKee (5), Rush (2), Mason (1). Freebooters: Jones (3), Jones (2), Jones (1).	
Time of game—Four five-minute periods, one at three-quarters, minutes played, 20. Total goals made, 13. Troop B, 7; Freebooters, 6.	
Referee—William C. Kester.	

N. Y. YACHT CLUB OFFICERS NAMED

Com. Baker Appoints Fleet Captain and Fleet Surgeon.

Commodore George F. Baker, Jr., of the New York Yacht Club, in his general order No. 1, issued as of January 1, 1916, makes the following New Year's appointments: Grenville Kane, to be fleet captain; Samuel A. Brown, M. D., to be fleet surgeon. Both of these are reappointments. Mr. Kane also served as fleet captain from 1906 to 1908, and Dr. Brown as fleet surgeon from 1907 to 1908.

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Personal Touches Here and There in Boxing

By IGEOE

"YOUNG AHEARN WILL MAKE A DESPERATE EFFORT THIS AFTERNOON TO KNOCK OUT AL MCCOY AND WIN THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD."

Guess who sent that startling bit of press bait. Jacques Curley, the TIGER MARROW FAT man?

Nope. Keweenaw's keen kutter, Tom Jones? Ah, no.

Old Soberides, Ike Dorgan? Yes, he would.

Mose Pollock, the Port Washington potato planter?

Again NO.

Dumb Dan Morgan, made famous by Mayo Brown?

Guess again.

Jimmy Tufoy, the man you can't blame for trying?

Yes, getting warm.

Yawn Patrick Dunn?

Why, of course. Isn't that like the old spellbinder? Isn't it characteristic of the only man in the world who can imitate Sousa's Band without the aid of the band? John Packey promises a thrill at the Broadway Sporting Club, and his neatly typed dodger starts off with the above brave line.

Of course, John P. knows that McCoy is yet to be knocked out and that Jake is NOT in the knockout class.

However, McCoy has promised Jawn Paddy that there will be a whole box of fireworks crowded into his efforts this afternoon. A regular Fourth of July set piece, as it were.

As a matter of fact, it is Ahearn who will have to be up and ready to put his armor on. Should McCoy by any chance knock John Bull's boy unconscious, Albert will get that bout with Mike Gibbons at St. Paul, and what a shock THAT would be to little Danle McMetrick, globe trotter, Legion of Honor man and prospective recipient of that \$5,000 guarantee at St. Paul.

George Chip held port-sider McCoy cheaply and he nipped him on the chin. When Chip came to he was lying on the flat of his back and a Tessaly thrush was twitting:

"Georgie, Georgie, I've been thinking, What a swell world this would be, If the McCoyes were all transported, Far beyond the Northern sea."

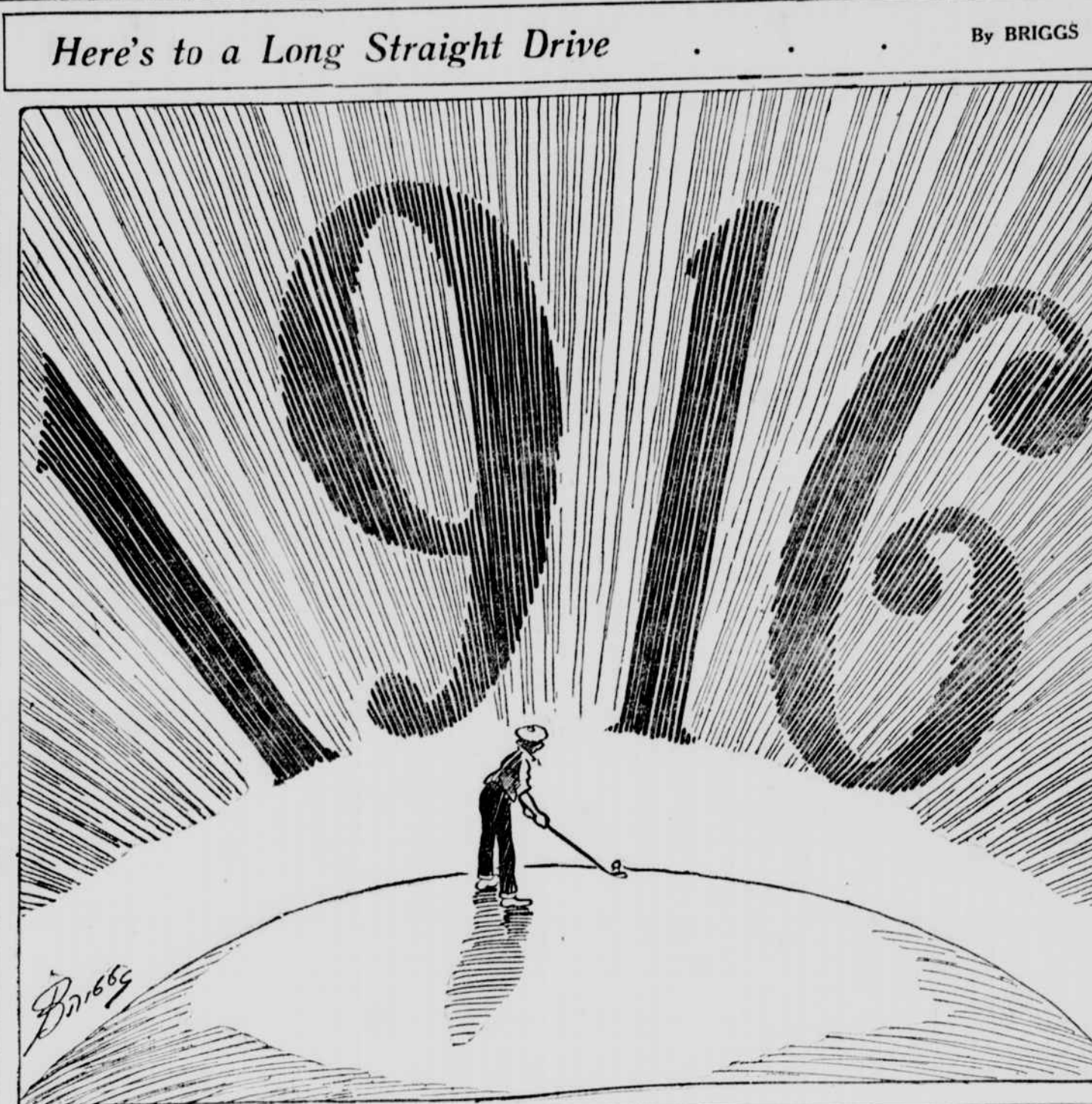
It behooves you, then, Jake Ahearn, and you, Daniel Boone McMetrick, to have a care, a COMBINED care. Mister McCoy can HIT.

Al Lippe sends a communication to the effect that Jeff Smith knocked Les Darcy out in five rounds and that he was the only man to accomplish that important feat. As we remember the reports, Al, they said that Smith deliberately fouled Darcy to save himself from a certain knockout. There must have been something about the offense that set the Australian fans and critics by the ears, because Smith was unmercifully flayed after the bout, and, further, his end of the purse was held up and turned into the war fund.

There must have been a good reason for doing that, because Snowy Baker's reputation as a square sportsman is world wide. Lippe is bitter against the Australians and insists that Darcy is only a far off dash in the pan. Strange that Billy Murray, who has just returned from Kangaroo Land and who was knocked out by Darcy, speaks in the highest terms of the sensational Australian middleweight. If Smith deliberately fouled Darcy to save himself, then it is a small piece of business to claim that J. Smith scored a knockout over the new wonder. At that we may have to wait Darcy's coming before we can run down the true facts of the case. If he does come to America a

Jan Morgan is back from Cleveland, where Jack Britton fought Johnny Griffiths a few nights ago. Dan had to say:

"All the papers said that the fight was an even thing except one, and that gave the shade to Griffiths, and that's the story that was sent out. That's pretty good evidence that Jack won, isn't it? Jack was merely trying on his right hand, which has been in heck for two months because of a broken knuckle. Say, I got the low down of that Neil-Ted Lewis fight at Dayton. They tell me that Neil chased Johnston's Britzher all over the ring and gave him a fine whipping. Strange, Johnston never mentioned that fight on his return, isn't it? Now you know. Hasn't he got the nerve to claim the welterweight title when Britton beat him in New York? Neil took him in Dayton and Mike Glover thrashed that slashing, dashing, crashing, smashing fighter in Boston? He won't fight either of them, and Johnston won't dare deny that he has turned down offers for return bouts with all three that I mentioned."



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Moran Accepts Terms for Bout

BASEBALL TAKES A NAP AS NEW YEAR WAKES UP

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Tommy Burns, the fight promoter, received a telegram here to-day from Frank Moran, in New York City, accepting terms Burns offered him for a twenty-round heavyweight championship bout with Jess Willard, in New Orleans, on March 4 or 6. After the promoters and Willard's manager on Wednesday declared that the Willard-Fulton contest, arranged for this city on March 4, was off, Burns wired Moran offering him \$7,500 flat for a match with the champion, provided Moran defeats Jim Coffey in their bout in New York on January 7.

Not Even a Rumor Able to Exist Along the Old Rialto of Sport.

ONLY J. B. FOSTER IN TALKING MOOD

Glants' Secretary "Sick and Tired" of Denying That Team Is on the Market.

By FRANK O'NEILL.